

PENSION MANY MORE

Construction of New Measure Will Increase Number.

OTHER WASHINGTON NOTES

How Some Senators and Representatives Please Visiting Constituents
 —German Laws Recognize Horses as Articles of Food.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The service pension bill, which recently passed both Houses of Congress and was approved by the President February 6, will entail a vast amount of additional work in the office of the Commissioner of Pensions. Already it is apparent that old soldiers will not be backward in taking advantage of a law that gives them a pension merely upon honorable discharge, ninety days of service and age. The day following the approval of the act and before official notice of the fact that the law was in operation had reached the commissioner of pensions, fifty applications for pensions under the law were received. The next day those applications were troubled and the third day almost four hundred applications from various states in the Union were filed. Since then these applications have come in at the rate of between 2,000, and 3,000 a day.

The new law has demonstrated the fact that there cannot be any further distribution of the force of the pension office, as the Commissioner has expected and as he told Congress in his last annual report. It will not be such an easy matter, apparently, for the old soldiers to prove themselves eligible under this law for the matter of age will prove a stumbling block to many. Unless one stops to think of it, it never occurs how difficult it is to prove one's age when the family and church records are not available. Then, too, for various reasons, in the cases of old soldiers there are very frequently discrepancies in the age given at the time of enlistment and at discharge. Owing to the desire of many men to enlist at the outbreak of the war they represented themselves as older than they were; their correct ages were given when they were discharged and this has caused endless confusion. When a matter of a year or a few months means the difference in this service pension of \$5 a month, these discrepancies will prove very material to the applicant.

At all events, the soldier must prove his age absolutely and this is going to be a difficult matter for some of the veterans these long years after their service and their discharge. At the present rate of application, it is believed that practically every survivor of the Union army will eventually get on the pension roll.

There are several senators and members of the House who understand the value of invitations to the White House receptions every winter, when those invitations are distributed among their constituency. These little tickets that admit the holder to the dress parade in the East room, where Washington society is out in force and where every body who is anybody can be found, are valuable perquisites for the member who wishes to impress his visiting constituents. When the supply runs short members frequently turn over their own invitations over to those whom they wish to favor, although all cards are marked "not transferable,"

and there would be an accounting on the part of somebody if the deception were discovered.

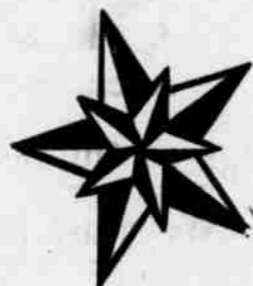
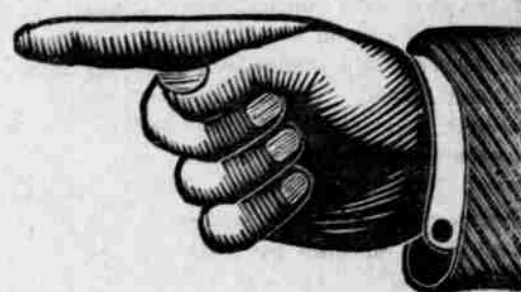
However, there is little chance of detection, as the admission card enclosed in its neat little envelope, is scarcely ever opened by the doorkeeper; he doesn't have the time. Admitted into the cloak rooms, the guests form in line and are shot along the receiving line past the President at a double quick pace, and almost

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before the President's purely formal word of greeting is heard, the guests have been pushed on and are almost out of hearing.

"I got sixteen of these invitations for my constituents to the navy and army reception," said a New York member of the House, the other day. This member certainly had a great run of luck, for this particular reception is the favorite among Washingtonians. The gold lace of the army and navy officers and the glittering regalias and uniforms of the diplomatic corps make it a most attractive sight, not to mention the handsome gowns of the women. "My constituents," continued the New York member, "thought that reception was the greatest thing they had ever witnessed. They had never been to one and were thoroughly impressed with the whole show. It ought to help me some in my next campaign, for those little bits of pasteboard that carried them by the doorkeepers has certainly established my station at home with the man in the White House."

When the expose of conditions in the meatpacking houses of the West was made, a great hue and cry went up in Europe in protests against American meats and the way in which they were prepared for the market. Nowhere was this product more emphatic than in Germany. A few days ago a document was read before the House Committee on Agriculture that dictates the existence of practices in Germany that would never be tolerated in

this country. It appears that horses and dogs are common articles of consumption as human food and that the laws of Germany recognize them as such.

This document was a report of Consul-General Hugh Pitcairn, of Hamburg, summarizing a report of the German department of health, recently published with regard to the results of the cattle and meat inspection in the German Empire during the year 1904, from which the following extract, read to the committee, was of more than ordinary interest:

"It is worth while mentioning that during the year under report the number of cattle slaughtered was exceptionally high, owing to the scarcity in food-stuffs. There were submitted to inspection 3,328,903 head of beeves over three months old; 4,237,491 calves less than three months old; 15,066,116 hogs; 2,268,739 sheep; 423,762 goats; 122,768 horses, etc., and 4,787 dogs."

It is needless to add that whatever may have been the carelessness of American packers with regard to sanitary surroundings, horses and dogs, in this country, are unknown as an article of food.

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